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The War on History. The role of the European historian today

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Where: ACG Events Hall, the American College of Greece

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About the event

There seems to be no end to the controversies over the European past. From the polemics surrounding the legacies of Nazism and the Holocaust, to the ongoing struggle over Europe's colonial history, and the impact of the end of the Cold War on international relations, European historians today are faced with a proliferation of civic and political debates that draw on the "lessons" of history.

But how should European historians respond to these public invocations of history? To what extent do we have a responsibility to contribute to debate? How should we react to the manipulation or politicisation of our work? By bringing together historians of different countries, regions and subfields within European history, our aim is to start a conversation about the place of the historian in today's fractured political landscape.

Welcome address

Loren J. Samons II

Senior Vice President & Chief Academic Officer, Executive Director, Institute for Hellenic Culture and the Liberal Arts, The American College of Greece

Speakers

Dr. Giorgos Antoniou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Prof. Pieter Lagrou (Université Libre of Bruxelles)

Prof. Sergey Radchenko (John Hopkins)

Prof. Dominique Reill (University of Miami)

Prof. Jelena Subotic (Georgia State University)

Chair

Dr. Emile Chabal (University of Edinburgh)

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Bio of the chair



Emile Chabal is a Reader in History at the University of Edinburgh.

He is a historian of twentieth-century European political and intellectual life. He has written extensively on transformation of France and has won prestigious fellowships and awards. His current project is an intellectual biography of the historian Eric Hobsbawm and he was awarded an AHRC Leadership fellowship to develop the global dimensions of the project.

Bios of the speakers



Georgios Antoniou holds the Chair of Jewish Studies since 2015 and since 2019 he has become a faculty member in the Department of History and Archaeology.

In 2019 he was awarded the Baron Velje Prize for research and teaching about World War Two and he held, as a visiting scholar, the International Chair for the Second World War in Brussels (ULB). He is a member of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance since 2018 (Education). In 2018 his co-edited volume (with Dirk



Pieter Lagrou teaches contemporary history at the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Among his most recent publications are *Defeating Impunity. Attempts at International Justice in Europe since 1914*, with Ornella Rovetta (Berghahn, War and Genocide series, New York/Oxford, 2022) and *Europe's Postwar Periods: 1989, 1945, 1918: Writing History Backwards* with Martin Conway and Henry Rousso (Bloomsbury, London, December 2018, 236 p.)



Sergey Radchenko is the Wilson E. Schmidt Distinguished Professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

He has written extensively on the Cold War, nuclear history, and on Russian and Chinese foreign and security policies. He has served as a Global Fellow and a Public Policy Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Centre and as the Zi Jiang Distinguished Professor at East China Normal University (Shanghai). Professor Radchenko's books include *Two Suns in the Heavens: the Sino-Soviet Struggle for Supremacy*

(Wilson Center Press & Stanford UP, 2009) and *Unwanted Visionaries: the Soviet Failure in Asia* (Oxford UP, 2014).



Dominique Reill

Dominique Reill is a Professor of Modern European History in History at the University of Miami. She is the author of *Nationalists Who Feared the Nation: Adriatic Multi-Nationalism in Habsburg Dalmatia, Trieste, and Venice* (2012), which received the Center for Austrian Studies' Book Award and Honorable Mention from the Smith Award, and *The Fiume Crisis: Life in the Wake of the Habsburg Empire* (2020), which received an Honorable Mention

from the Jelavich Book Prize. Currently she is working on her next manuscript "The Habsburg Mayor of New York: Fiorello LaGuardia."



Jelena Subotić is Professor in the Department of Political Science at Georgia State University.

Her most recent book, *Yellow Star, Red Star: Holocaust Remembrance after Communism* (Cornell University Press, 2019, Serbian translation 2021) has won the 2020 Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies, the 2020 American Political Science Association European Politics and Society Book Prize, the 2020 Robert L. Jervis and Paul W. Schroeder Prize for the Best Book

in International History and Politics (American Political Science Association) and Honorable mention, 2020 Barbara Heldt Prize for Best Book by a woman in any area of Slavic/East European/Eurasian Studies. Her first book, *Hijacked Justice: Dealing with the Past in the Balkans* (Cornell University Press, 2009) has been translated and published in Serbia in 2010. She is also the author of more than 30 scholarly articles on, among other topics, memory politics, transitional justice, and politics of the Balkans.

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